

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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CARL HIGBIE, JOSEPH HARRIS, AND MICHAEL  
VOTRUBA,

Plaintiff(s),

**ANSWER**

-against-

1:24-CV-174

STEVEN G. JAMES, in his Official Capacity as  
Superintendent of the New York State Police, SHERIFF  
KYLE BOURGAULT, in his Official Capacity as the  
Sheriff of Rensselaer County, New York, SHERIFF  
DONALD J. KRAPF, in his Official Capacity as the Sheriff  
of Columbia County, New York, and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendant(s).

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Defendant Sheriff, Donald J. Krapf, sued in his official capacity as Sheriff of Columbia County, New York, by his attorney, Robert J. Fitzsimmons, Columbia County Attorney, answers the Complaint (ECF No. 1) as follows:

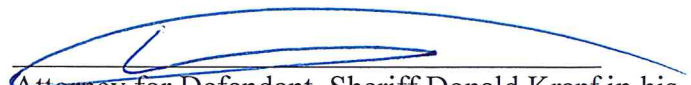
1. As to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 133 of the complaint, the defendant does not dispute the factual assertions made therein, and defers all questions of law to the Court for determination.

2. As to the prayer for relief, in paragraphs 1 through 9 of the complaint, the answering defendant was named in the complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive relief as an agent and administrator of the laws of the State of New York and defers all determinations in this regard to the Court.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Donald J. Krapf, sued in his Official Capacity as Sheriff of Columbia County New York, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant such relief as to this Court is just, proper and, equitable.

Dated: Hudson, New York  
April 2, 2024

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